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Glen Eurick
Environmental and Occupational
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Barrick Mercur Gold Mines, Inc
P.O. Box 838
Tooele, Utah 84074

Re: Heap Leach II Closure Plan, Mercur Mine, M/045/017, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Eurick:

Based on the review of the materials submitted to the Division on April 19, 1995, the Division grants approval for the Heap Leach Area II Closure plan. The Division finds that the seed mix proposed for reclamation is adequate to establish a permanent vegetative cover on the Heap Leach Area II in accordance with the methods and standards approved by the Division. The proposed reclamation plan satisfies the Division's requirements for reclamation and provides for safe closure of the Heap Leach Area II.

We apologize for the untimely review of these materials and hope that it has not caused any undue delays in closure of the facility. We are proposing working closely with Barrick to offer any assistance in the future we can, in further refinement of the seed mix, to help achieve the most successful revegetation that can be achieved. A site visit has been arranged for August 22, 1995, to review all reclamation efforts currently to date at the mine. If successful reclamation as viewed in other areas of the mine are an indication, then successful reclamation of the Heap Leach Area II will follow suit. The predictions of the groundwater modeling efforts put forth by Barrick hinge on the creation of adequate vegetative growth and the Division sees no reason to believe that this cannot be achieved under the current plan.

Thank you for your submittal of the closure plan and if we can be of any further assistance please contact me or Lynn Kunzler.

Sincerely,

Tom Munson
Reclamation Hydrologist

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cc: Dennis Frederick, Water Quality
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